

REAL TALK - THE VIEW OF A CONNECTICUT PRISONER Vol.2 No.3
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GREETINGS FREE WORLD! FINALLY! Ct. DOC has decided to allow us to have tablets though connected to an intra-net system. Let there be no doubt, this would have never occurred with a republican as governor. Like many C/O's, the mindset is we are not suffering enough unless they see misery on our faces. It's not enough that our highest court has ruled that we are here as punishment, not to be punished. Too often employees within the DOC become sadistic and thus will make anything that they don't want us to have a safety and security issue. The administrators need to learn how to make a credible argument as well as educate the public on the things that they want us to have. In the case for the tablets, the commissioner has been doing a pretty good job. The problem is that he is doing it publicly alone it seems. Just think, we weren't allowed to have C/D players until about 2004 because these sadists claimed that we could cut through the bars with the lasers! When that was debunked they claimed that we could use the C/D's as weapons. That could as easily be accomplished using the cassette cases we had. Vendors had been trying for 10 years to get DOC to sell us MP-3 players. The guard's union was against that too so we never saw those. As of this day I have no clue as to what an MP-3 player looks like let alone how to operate one. As such...

The sadists claim that administrators should be focused distributing tablets to the kids in school who can't afford them. Yes, all children in school should have them. But while they feign sympathy for poor kids they haven't considered that the same children who couldn't get current history books in school are the same children who ended up in prison and now don't want them to have tablets. What hypocrisy!

this tech will make it easier to keep family ties lowering recidivism. It will also be used as an educational tool, again, lowering recidivism. It will allow us to participate in various programs enabling us to better cope with situations that got people here in the first place - yep, lowering recidivism. Prisoners in this state have a lot of down time. Engaging apps on these tablets will keep our minds busy, quiet and out of trouble potentially saving the state millions. You see, if many of us aren't getting in trouble ⁽¹⁾ that means we aren't assaulting staff sending them out on comp., we aren't getting disciplinary reports causing us to lose goodtime and giving the parole board

reports causing us to lose goodtime and giving the parole board an excuse to deny us parole (at over \$100/day per person). So you can see how this tech benefits not only prisoners, but the staff, administrators and the public also. But the sadists already knew this.

So what's behind the officers' objections? Could it be that a lower recidivism rate will cause a number of them to lose their jobs?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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